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| <b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b><br><br>(for all correspondence after initial filing) | Application #  | 09/986,774      |
|  | Confirmation # | 5632            |
|  | Filing Date    | 9 November 2001 |
|  | First Inventor | BENETTI         |
|  | Art Unit       | 1771            |
|  | Examiner       | Boyd            |
| Total number of pages in this submission =                                   | Docket #       | P07430US00/WEJ  |

| ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)                               |  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below       | ..... Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply             | ..... Drawings                               |
| ..... including Attachment(s)                                   | ..... Information Disclosure Statement       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> After Final Amendment/Reply | ..... Drawings                               |
| ..... including Attachment(s)                                   | ..... Terminal Disclaimer                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition  | .....  |
| ..... Other:  | .....  |

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| FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below:            |     |                     |               |                 |
|---|-----|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|   | NOW | Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate            |
| ..... TOTAL CLAIMS  |     |                     |               | X \$ 18 =       |
| ..... INDEP. CLAIMS   |     |                     |               | X \$ 84 =       |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES =  |     |                     |               |                 |
| ..... Reduction by 1/2 for <b>small entity status</b> of applicant                    |     |                     |               |                 |
| SUBTOTAL =  |     |                     |               |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition) |     |                     |               | 205.00          |
| ..... Other fee for   |     |                     |               |                 |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES =   |     |                     |               | <b>\$205.00</b> |

☒ A check in the amount of \$ 205.00 is enclosed. If no check or an insufficient check is enclosed and a fee is due in connection herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or additional fee due in connection herewith to Deposit Account No. 12-0555.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized above.

Date: 12 August 2003

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C.

S I R:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 20, 2003, and without addressing the arguments of the Examiner, Applicants now elect Group I, Claims 1-14 drawn to a friction cord, classified in class 442, subclass 304.

Examination and allowance of the application is thus respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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